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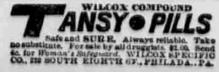
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nuttered. "M. le Duc," I only want you

to go on.

for
To supplement the present you have given
to the queen with this, he biarted out, his
face pale with emotion, and he steadily held

"M. de Sully," he continued, observing my hasty movement, "do not be offended! I know that you have done all that hospitality

required. But I see that the queen has

said it simply, and as he spoke,

again pressed on me the purse. I took and

out to me a green silk purse, through meabes of which I shw the glint of

already lost your gift, and that-"

"She is playing on credit?

"To?" for he stopped and seemed unable

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(Copyright, 1895, by Stanley J. Weyman.) In accordance with my custom I gave an entertainment on the last day of this year to the king and queen, who came to the arsenal with a numerous train, and found the diversions I had provided so much to their taste that they did not leave until I was half dead with fatigue and like to be killed with complaisance. Though this was not the most spiendid entertainment I gave that year, it had the good fortune to please, and in a different and less agreeable fashion

eyes during its progress. Portuguese adventurer, about this time A Portuguese adventurer, about this time, had gained large sums from the court at play, and more than once had compelled the king to have recourse to me. I had the worst opinion of this man and did not scruple express it on several occasions, and this the more as his presumption fell little short of his knavery, while he treated those whom he robbed with as much arrogance as if to play with him was an honor. view of him, I was far from pleased when I discovered that the king had brought him my house, but the feeling, though sufficiently ng, sank to nothing beside the indignation and disgust which I experienced when, the company having fallen to eards after supper found that the queen had sat down with

him to primero.

It did not lessen my annoyance that I had after my usual fashion, furnished the queer with a purse for the sport, and in this found myself reduced to stand by and see my good money pass into the clutches of this knave. Under the circumstances, and in my own house, I could do nothing; never theless the table at which they sat possessed so strong a fascination for me that I several aught myself staring at it more losely than was polite; and as to disgust at the unseemliness of such companionship was added vexation at my own loss, I might have gone farther toward betraying my feelings if a casual glance aside had not disclosed to me the fact that I did not stand slone it my diseatisfaction; but that, frivolous as the majority of the courtiers were, there was one at least among those present who viewed this

This person stood near the door, and fancy ig himself secure from observation, either by his position or his insignificance. Witt glowering on the pair in a manner that at another time must have cost him a rebuke As it was, I found something friendly, as well as curious, in his fixed frown; and ignorant of his name, though I know him by

hree months at court.

grimly. "He games? "No, your excellency."
"Is in debt?"

"Not to my knowledge." "To whom does he pay his court, then?" "To the king." "And the queen?" "Not particularly-as far as I know,

He went, and I dismissed the young fel ow from my mind; only to find him five and playing withminutes later at my elbow. To youth and good looks he added a modest bearing that did not fail to enhance them and commend the girl man could not listen without pain. Let man could not listen without pain.

So many men appeal to a minister with "let the girl go!" come formula on their lips, and at times "Of course! She is a girl," the quee some formula on their lips, and at times with a calculated timidity, that at the first blush of his request I was inclined to bid you!"

him come to me at the proper time; and to remove to another part of the room. But curiosity, playing the part of his advocate, found so much that was candid in his manner that I hesitated. "What is it?" I said

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may tell his majesty that, with my service

He answered me eagerly that that was no necessary, and that the king had desired merely a word from me; and with that and many other expressions of regret, he went away and left me at leasure to go to the was my wont to see the young men practice those manly arts, which, so far as I can judge, are at a lower ebb in these modern days of quips and quodlibets than in the stirring times of my youth. Then, thank God, it was held more necessary for a page o know his seven points of horsemanship than how to tie a ribbon or prank a gown, o read a primer

again pressed on me the purse. I took and weighed it, and calculated at a guess that it held 50 crowns. The sum astoniched me. "Why, man," I said, "you are not mad enough to be in love with her majesty?" "No!" he cried vehemently, yet with a gleam of humor in his eyes. "I swear that it is not so. If you will do me this favor—" It was a mad impulse that took me, but I nodded, and resolving to make great the nodded, and, resolving to make good the money out of my own pocket should the to be a day of vexation. case, when all was clear, seem to demand it, I went straight from him, and, crossing the floor, laid the purse near her majesty's hand, with a polite word of regret that fortune had used her so ill, and a hope that this might be the means of recruiting her It would not have surprised me had she be encouraged.

shown some signs of consciousness and perhaps betrayed that she recognized the purse. But she contented herself with thanking me prettily, and almost before I had done speak He desires to know-"
"What?" I said. ing had her slender fingers among the coins Turning I found that Vallen had disappeared, so that all came to a sudden stop and with the one and the other I retired completely puzzled and less able than before t

make even a guess at the secret of the young man's generosity. However, the king summoning me to hin there, for the time, was an end of the matter, and between fatigue and the duties of my position I did not give a second thought to it that evening. Next morning, too, I was taken up with the gifts which it was my privilege as master of the mint to present to the king on New Year's day, and which consisted this year of medals of gold, silver and copper, bearing inscriptions of my own composition, together with small bags of

new coins for the king, the queen and their attendants These I always made it a point to offer be fore the king; nor was this year an excep-tion, for I found his majesty still in bed, the queen occupying a couch in the same chamber. But whereas it generally fell to me to sight, wondered both who he was and what arouse them from sleep, and be the first t On the one point I had no difficulty in day, I found them on this occasion larger of the careet beside her bed Mme. D'Oyley in deep disgrace. The queen, in leed, was so taken up with scolding her "Making his fortune, I suppose?" I said that she had forgotten what day it was, and even after my entrance, continued to rate the poor girl so figreely that I thought her present violence little less unseemly than her

ondescension of the wight before. Perhaps some trace of this feeling appeared in my countenance; for, presently, the king, who seldom failed to read my thoughts tried to check her in a good-natured fashion "Come, my dear," he said; "let that tremb ling mouse go. And do you hear what our good friend Sully has brought you? I'll be

"How your majety talks!" the queen answered, pettishly. "Asolf a few paltry coins could make up for my jar! I'll be bound, for my part; that this idld wench was romping "Come, come; you have made her cry enough!" the king interrupted—and, indeed, the girl was sobbling so passionately that a man could not listen without pain. "Let her the queen cried

"Pooh! pooh!" the king said. "Nighteap," the king muttered. "There there, sweetheart," he continued, aloud

cried, with a sneer. "That is enough for "Well, madam, she is not the only one in

"Run away, little one," Henry st 'd, wink ing to me to be silent.

"And consider yourself lucky," the queen cried, venomously. "You cught to be whipped; and if I had you in my country, I

ngs had found expression, with sufficient lings had found expression, with sufficient complaisance. Both were good enough to compliment me on my entertainment; but observing that the queen quickly buried herself again in her pillows and was inclined to be peevish. I cut short my attendance on the plea of fatigue, and left them at liberty to receive the very numerous company who on this day pay their court.

Of these, the great number came on after.

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Of these, the great number came on afterward, to wait on me; so that for some hours the large hail at the arsenal was thronged the friends, or those who called them. with my friends, or those who called them-selves by that name. But toward noon the stream began to fail; and when I sat down to dinner at that hour, I had reason to suppose that I should be left at peace. I had not more than begun my meal, how-

ever, when I was called from table by a measenger from the queen.

"What is it?" I said, when I had gone to him. Had he come from the king I could have understood it more easily. "Her majesty desires to know, your ex-cellency, whether you have seen anything of Mile. D'Oyley."

"Yes, M. le Duc." "No, certainly not. How should I?"

The man interrupted me with protestations nounced that a messenger from his majesty was waiting in the half.

I went out, thinking it very probable that Henry had sent me a present, though it was his more usual custom on this day to honor me with a visit, and declare his generous intentions by word of mouth, when we had both retired to my library and the door was closed. Still, on one ar two occasions he had sent me a horse from his steady and the state of the sent me a horse from his steady. sent me a horse from his stables, a brace of Indian fowl, a melon or the like, as a foretaste, and this I supposed to be the errand on which the man had come.

"Of Mademoiselle D'Oyley, her majesty's maid of honor "Not I, i'faith!" I said, drily. "I am no

was so. I asked him then what all this Yes, your excellency. She was with the queen at 8 o'clock. At noon her majesty desired her services, and she was not to be

'What?" I exclaimed. "A maid of honor to missing for three hours in the morning, and there is all this traveling. Why, in my younger days, three nights might have-" But discerning that he was little more than a youth and could not restrain a smile broke off discreetly and contented mysel with asking if there was reason to suppose that there was more than appeared in the

girl's absence. "Her msjesty thinks so," he answered,
"Well, in any case, I know nothing about
"I replied, "I am not hiding her. You

Or I will write it "

But the first day of this year was destined to be a day of vexation. I had scarcely entered the school when M. de Varennes was announced. Instead of going to meet him I had the him I bade them bring him to me, and, on seeing him, bade him welcome to the sports. "Though," I said, politely overlooking his past bistory and his origin, "we did bette our times; yet the young fellows should

"Very true," he answered suavely. "And I wish I could stay with you. But it was not for pleasure I came. The king sent me.

"If you know anything of Mile. D'Oyley. Between ourselves, M. le Duc—" I looked at him in amazement. "Why." I said, "what on earth has the girl done now" "Disappeared." he answered "But she had done that before."

he said, 'and the king had your message. "But what?" I said sternly.
"He thought you might wish to supple ment it for his private use." "To supplement it?"

"Yos. The truth is" Varennes continued ooking at me doubtfully, "the king has information which leads him to suppose that she may be here. "She may be anywhere," I answered in a one that closed his mouth. "but she is not

ere. And you may tell the king so for Though he had begun life as a cook, few could be more arrogant than Varennes on occasions; but he possessed the valuable knack of knowing with whom he could presume, and never attempted to impose on me. Apologizing with the easy grace of a man who had risen in life by pleasing, he sat with me awhile, recalling old days and feats, and then left, giving me to understand that I might depend upon him to disabuse the

king's mind. As a fact, Henry visited me that evening without raising the subject; nor had I any reason to complain of his generosity, albeit he took care to exact from the superintendont of the finances more than he gave his servant, and for one gift to Peter got two Pauls satisfied. To obtain the money ha needed in the most commodious manner. I spent the greater part of two days in ac counts, and had not yet settled the warrants to my liking, when La Trape coming in with candles on the second evening disturbed my secretaries. The men yawned discreetly and reflecting that we had had a long day I dismissed them and stayed myself only for the purpose of securing one or two papers of a private nature. Then I bade La Trape

light me to my closet.

Instead, he stood and craved leave to speak to me. "About what, sirrah?" I said. "I have received an offer, your excellency," he answered with a crafty look "What! To leave my service?" I exclaimed in surprise. "No, your excellency," he answered. "To

do a service for another-M. Pimentel. The Portuguese gentleman stopped me in the street today, and offered me 50 crowns." vhat?" I asked adam lies; and lend him the key of the garden gate tonight."

"I stared at the fellow. The young lady with madam?" I said. He returned my look with a stupidity which I knew was assumed. "Yes, your excellency. The young lady who came this morning," he said. Then I knew that I had been betrayed and had given my enemies such a handle as they would not be slow to seize, and I stood in

the middle of the room in the utmost grief and consternation. At last, "Stay here," I said to the man, as soon as I could speak "Do not move from the spot where you stand until I come back!" It was my almost invariable custom to be announced when I visited my wife's closet, but I had no mind now for such formalities, and swiftly passing two or three scared servants on the stairs, I made straight for her room, rapped and entered. Abrupt as were my movements, however, some one had

contrived to warn her, for though two of her women sat working on stools near her. I heard a hasty foot flying, and caught the last flutter of a skirt as it disappeared through a second door. My wife rose from her seat and looked at me guiltly.
"Madam," I said, "send these women away.

Now," I continued, when they had gone, "who was that with you?" She loked away dumbly. "You do well not to try to deceive me, madam," I continued, severely. "It was Mile. D'Oyley. She muttered, not daring to meet my eye

that it was. "Who has absented herself from queen's service," I answered bitterly, chosen to hide herself here of all places madam," I continued, with a severity which the cense of my false position amply justified. "Are you aware that you have made me dishonor myself? That you have made me lie not once, but three times? That you have

made me deceive my master?" That you have She cried out at that, being frightened, that "she had meant no harm; that the girl coming to her in great grief and trouble—"
"Because the queen had scolded her for breaking a china jar," I said, contemptu-

"No, monsieur, her trouble was of quite an-ther kind," my wife answered, with more spirit than I had expected.

"It is plain that you do not yet under stand the case," madam persisted, facing me with trembling hardibood. "Mile. D'Oyley has been persecuted for some time by the suit of a man for whom I know you monsieur, have no respect; a man whom no French woman of family should be forced to marry.' "Who is it?" I said, curtly.

M. Pimentel. And the queen "Has made his suit her own. Doubtles her majesty," Madame de Sully continued with grimness, "who plays with him so much, is under obligations to him, and has her rea

sons. The king, too, is on his side, so tha

"Who has another lover, I suppose?" I sale harshly My wife looked at me in trepidation. may be so, monsieur," she said, hesitating.
"It is so, madame; and you know it," answered in the same tone. "M. Vallon

"Oh!" she exclaimed, with a gesture of

alarm. "You know!"
"I know, madame," I replied, with vigor "that to please this love-sick girl you have placed me in a position of the utmost diffi-culty; that you have jeopardized the con-fidence which my master, whom I have never as usual, and would learn whether you know anything of Mademoiselle D'Oyley." willingly deceived, places in me; and that out of all this I see only one way of escape, and that is by a full and frank confession, which you must make to the queen."
"Ob, monaleur," she said, faintly.

"The girl, of course, must be immediately

squire of dames, to say nothing of maids!"

"But his majesty—"

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"If he has seen that message," I replied,
"he has yet something to learn—that I do
not interest myself in maids of honor or such
frailties."

The man smiled. "I do not think," he began, "that it was his majesty—"

"Sent the message?" I said. "No, but the
queen, I suppose."

On this he gave me to understand, in the

"But his majesty—"

My wife began to sob at that, as women
will; but I had too keen a sense of the difficulties into which she had plunged me by
her deceit to pity her overmuch. And doubtless, I should have continued in this resolution I had formed, and which appeared to
hold out the only hope of avoiding the mailice
of those enemies whom every man in power
possesses—and none can afford to despise—if
any one it must be Mademoiselle D'Oyley."

"But it is not, your officers may sharch every
room and closet. And for the woman whom
M. Pimentel has carried of to she is no more
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sly, secretive manner such men affect, that secret to me, had never recurred to my mind

and suggested other reflections. Doubtless, mademoiselle had been watched the earliest opportunity of bringing the lie home to me. My wife's confession, under such circumstances, would have but a simple air, and believed by some would be ridiculed by more. It might, and probably would, save my credit with the king, but it would not exalt me in others' eyes, or increase my reputation as a manager. If there were any other way—and so reflecting I thought of La Trape and his story.

Still I was balf way to the door when I paused and turned. My wife was still weeping "It is no good crying over spilled milk, madam." I said, severely, "If the girl were not a fool she would have gone to the Ursulines. The abbess has a stiff neck and is as big a simpleton to boot as you are. It is only a step, too, from here to the Ursulines, if she had had the sense to go on." My wife lifted her head and looked at me

My wife lifted her head and losses at the eagerly, but I avoided her gaze and went out without more ado and down stairs to my study, where I found La Trape awaiting me. "Go to madam is duchease," I said to him. Go to madam la cuchesse," I said to him When you have done what she needs come me in my closet."
He obeyed, and after an interval of abou

oung woman was here then?" I said care 'Yes, your excellency.

"Some of his people funcied that they saw her enter, perhaps?"
"Yes, your excellency."

"They were mistaken, of course?" "Of course," he answered, dutifully. "Or she may have come to the door and one again?" I suggested.

'Possibly, your excellency." "Gone on without being seen, I mean?"
"If she went in the direction of the Ruc

t. Marcel," he answered stolidly, "she would not be seen." The convent of the Ursulines is in the Ru-3. Marcel. I knew, therefore, that madam had had the sense to act on my hint, and after reflecting a moment I continued. "So "So Italy, Pimentel wished to know where she wa "That and to have the key, your excel-

'Tonight?" "Yes, your excellency." "Well, you are at liberty to accept the offer," I answered carelessly. "It will not clash with my service." And then, as he stood staring in astonishment, striving to read the riddle, I continued: "By the way, are the rooms in the little garden pavillon aired? They may be needed next week; see

He said no more, but I saw that he under stood; and bidding him be careful in follow ing my instructions, I dismissed him. The line I had determined to take was attended by many uncertainties, however, and more than once I repented that I had not followed my first instinct, and avowed the truth. A hundred things might fall out to frustrate my scheme and place me in a false position; from which—eince the confidence of his sov-ereign is the breath of a minister, and as easily destroyed as a woman's reputation-I might find it impossible to extricate myself

in conjunctures apparently more serious have felt less trepidation. But experience has long ago taught me that trifies. great events, unseat the statesman, and that of all intrigues those which revolve round a woman are the most dangerous. I rose early, therefore, and repaired to court be-fore my usual hour, it being the essence of my plan to attack, instead of waiting to b Doubtless my early appearance was taken

ante-chamber before the attitude of the courtiers caught my attention. Some, who twenty-four hours earlier would have been twenty-four hours earlier would have been only too glad to meet my the and obtain a word of recognition, appeared to be absorbed in conversation. Others, less transparent or better inclined to me, greeted me with unnatural effusion. One, who been a grudge against me, but had never before dared t do more than grin, now scowled openly while a second, perhaps the most foolish of all, came to me with advice, drew me with

you; wait, therefore, my friend, until he has had his day's hunting—he is just now booting himself—and see him when he has ridden off his annoyance."
"And when my friends, my dear marquia,

me, "and she will be sure to put in a word against you." "Therefore," I answered dryly. "I had better see his majesty before the one word

"Be persuaded," he entreated me, "See

into the fire with an air of ill-temper the circle, serious and silent, seemed to re-

flect. I looked everywhere for the Portu-guese, but he was not to be seen. For a moment the king affected to be un-aware of my presence, and even turned his

"For the best of reasons, sire," I answered "I am ill-placed at home, and come to you for justice."
"What is it?" he said churlishly and unwillingly.

"Madame." I said respectfully, but with firmness. "I know this only, that my house was last night the scone of a gross outrage and by all I can learn it was perpetrated by one who is under your majesty's protec

"M. Pimentel." The queen began to smile. "What was this gross outrage?" she asked drily. "In the course of last night he broke into

"His name?" she said, with a haughty

began to grin. Some or the circle, watching them closely, ventured to smile also. "Come. my friend," Henry said, almost with good humor, "this is all very well. But this inmate of yours—was a very recent one."
"Was, in fact, I suppose, the rebellious little wench of whom you knew nothing yesterday!" the queen cried harshly, and with an air of open triumph. "There can be no stealing of stolen goods, sir; and if M. Pimentel who had at least as much right as you to the girl-and more, for I am her guardian-has

Two or three sniggered, seeing me ap-parently checkmated and at the end of my resources. And the king laughed out with kindly malice. "Come, grand master," he said. "I think that you do. However, if Piu entel has carried off the damsel, there, it

seems to me, is an end of the matter."
"But, sire," I suswered, looking sternly round the grinning circle, "am I mad, or is there some mystery here? I assured your majesty yesterday that Mademoiscile D'Oyley was not in my house. I say the same today. She is not; your officers may march every

sistence. "He has broken into my house and abducted my servant. For mademoiselle, she is not there to be stolen

"Let some one go for Pimentel," the king But the Portugues, as it happened, was at the door even then, and being called had no alternative but to come forward. Hie face and mich as he entered and refuciantly showed himself were more than enough to dissipate any doubts which the courtiers had hitherto entertained, the former being as gloomy and downcast as the latter was timid and cringing. It is true he made some atand cringing. It is true he made some at-tempt at first, and for a time, to face the matter out, stammering and stuttering, and looking pitcously to the queen for help. But he could not long delay the crisis, nor deny that the person he had so cunningly abducted was one of my waiting women; and the moment that this confession was made his case was at an end, the statement being received with so universal a peal of laughter, the king leading, as at one and the same time discomfited him, and must have suaded any indifferent listener that all, from

the first had been in the secret.

After that he would have spent himself in vain, had be contended that Mademoiselle D'Oyley was at my house; and so clear was this that he made no second attempt to do so, half an hour, during which I had time to but at once admitting that his people had mature my plan, presented himself again made a mistake, he proffered me a handsome before me. "Pimentel had a notion that the apology, and desired the king to speak to me

n his behalf. This I, on my side, was pleased to take in good part; and having let him off easily with a mild rebuke, I turned from him to the queen, and informed her with much respect

that I had learned at length where Made-moiselle D'Oyley had taken refuge.

"Where, sir," she asked eyeing me rus-piclously and with no little disfavor.

"At the Ursulines, madame," I answered. She winced, for she had already qua-with the abbess without advantage. there for the moment the matter ended. At a later period I took care to confess all to the king, and he did not fall to laugh heartly at the clever manner in which I had out-witted Pimentel. But this was not until the Portuguese had left the country and gone to

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is recalled to my memory by a pscullar chaln of events, whereof the first link came to my

particular game with distaste.

the Cotentin, and that he had been only

least. But if you wish to know more, M. I Duc," Boisrueil continued, "I will—" "No, no," I said peevishly. The queen ha just handed her last rouleau across the table, and was still playing. "Go, man, about your business; I don't want to spend the evening gossiping with you."

he addressed me—nor, indeed, to be addressed by him at all.

utterly disregarding him, "worth your body and soul, you little slut!" "M. de Sully," he said, in a tone of emo-"I beg you to pardon me. I am in trouble, and I think that perhaps, Florence, all the way in my own-" stranger as I am, you may condescend to do me a service."

the room," I ventured.
"Oh, of course, you are the king's echo!

would have you whipped for all your airs! San Giacomo, if you cross me, I will see This was a parting thrust; for the girl, catching at the king's permission, had turned catching at the king's permission, had turned and was hurrying in a passion of tears to the door. Still, the queen had not done. Mademoiselle had broken a jar; and there were other misdemeanors which her majesty continued to expound. But in the end I had my say, and presented the medals, which were accepted by the king with his usual kindness, and by the queen, when her feelings had found expression, with sufficient

"And she is not here?" the man persisted.
"No!" I answered, angrily. "God bless the queen. I know nothing of her. I am sitting at meat, and—" of regret, and, hastering to express himself thoroughly satisfied, retired with a crest-fallen air. I wondered what the message meant, and what had come over the queen, and whither the girk had gone. But as I made it a rule throughout my term of office to avoid, as far as possible, all participation in bedchamber intrigues. I wasted little time on the matter, but returning to my dinner, took up the conversation where I had left it. Before I rose, however, La Trape came to me and again interrupted me. He an-

His first words disabused me. "May it please your excellency," he said, very civilly, "the king desires to be remembered to you

squire of dames, to say nothing of maids!"
"But his majesty—"
"If he has sent that message," I replied,
"he has yet something to learn—that I do
not interest myself in maids of honor or such given up."

that one of the women sleeps there tonight; a woman you can depend on." "Ah, monsieur!"

with credit. I slept, therefore, but ill that night; and

to corroborate the rumor that I had made a false step, and was in difficulties; for scarcely had I crossed the threshold of the

insistency into a niche near the door, and adjured me to be cautious.
"You are too bold." he said; "and that way your enemies find their opening. Do City, not go to the king now. He is incensed The 'To tell him where the young lady with against you. But we all know that he love

> have had time to poison his mind agains me? No. no." I answered, wondering much whether he were as simple as he looked. "But the queen is with him now," he per-sisted, seizing the lapel of my coat to stay

nim now, and nothing but ill will come of it. "Nothing but ill for some," I retorted, looking so keenly at him that his visage fell. And with that he let me go, and with a smile I passed through the door. The rumor had not yet gained such substance that the crowd had lost all respect for me it rolled back, and I passed through it to ward the end of the chamber, where the boots. The queen stood far from him, gazing

shoulder to me, but I observed that he red-dened and fidgeted nervously with the boot which he was drawing on. Nothing daunted, therefore, I waited until he perforce dis-covered me, and was obliged to greet me. "You are early this morning," he said at last, with a grudging air.

I was about to answer, when the queen interposed with a sneer. "I think that I can tell you, sire," she said. "M. de Suily is old enough to know the adage, 'Bite be-fore you are bitten.' "

my house with a gang of wretches and bore off one of the inmatea." The queen's smile grew broader; the king began to grin. Some of the circle, watching

earried her off, you have small ground to complain." "But, madame," I said, with an air of be wilderment, "I really do not—it must be fault, but I do not understand."